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THE COAL SUPPLY.

COAL will probably be sold at reasonable prices next winter. The railroads have found a way to transport larger quantities than they ever before handled and private consumers are stocking up as rapidly as possible. Bituminous coal is the mainstay of our industries and its consumption varies more widely than that of anthracite. Practically unlimited deposits of bituminous coal of good quality have been located and accurately surveyed and plenty of it is found adjacent to existing railroads and many manufacturing centers. There are enough developed mines to supply all requirements and the only causes of scarcity are lack of labor and transportation. The railroad war committee has apparently solved the transportation problem by directing the movement of idle cars to lines which need more rolling stock.

Our chief industries must have bituminous coal and coke. Three tons of coal are consumed in making one ton of steel and the increased output of the steel mills calls for corresponding additions to the quantity of coal mined. Other industrial plants also use coal in proportion to their production of merchandise. More bunker coal is required in all Atlantic and Gulf seaports because steamers take coal on this side for the round trip instead of coaling in Europe as they did as far as possible before the war.

Mine operators will receive a fair price, but the federal government will limit it within reasonable bounds. Secretary Lane, the Federal Trade commission and the Council of National Defense have arranged this with the principal coal operators and we shall have plenty of bituminous coal at fair prices if the railroads can furnish transportation. Miners have secured increased wages and have no cause for complaint, but treacherous agitators backed by German money are at work and must be suppressed as alien enemies acting as agents and spies of the German government. Those who conspire to weaken the military and naval power of the United States should be punished, and the penalty prescribed by law is death.

Large consumers became panic-stricken and bid against one another for coal last winter and spring. In time of war the government has a right to allot supplies when a shortage occurs. Proper organization would eliminate speculation and overbuying, and insure plenty for all at fair prices. When manufacturers are forced to pay two or three times as much as coal is fairly worth they pass on the extra cost to the ultimate consumer and the cost of living goes up. The only people that profit by it are the forestalling speculators.

ANOTHER POTASH DEPOSIT.

IN 1911 an Italian pioneer discovered a deposit of potash salts near the boundary line between Abyssinia and the Italian colony of Eritrea, but it attracted little notice because German potash then commanded the markets of the world. However, the discoverer secured a thirty-five year concession from the Abyssinian government which has prevented disputes over the unsurveyed boundary line and the salt is now coming on the market. The mine is forty-six miles from the small Red sea port of Fatimari which is seventy-six miles south of Massowah and about four hundred miles north of Aden.

This deposit averages fifty-five per cent or more of pure muriate of potash and closely resembles the great German deposit at Strassfurt. Exploratory work has revealed at least 850,000 tons of potash salts and a light railway to the coast has just been built, but ships cannot be chartered in sufficient numbers to carry the salts to Europe. An Italian chemical factory has contracted to take a thousand tons a month at \$193 a ton which is five times the normal price of similar German potash before the war.

This discovery should encourage prospecting for potash in other parts of the world. Geologists maintain that potash is likely to be found in beds similar to those in Germany wherever the beds of the ocean have been raised above sea level. This Abyssinian deposit confirms this theory. In Utah, California, Nevada, and other western states large saline deposits exist in conjunction with which some potash has been found, and some lucky prospector may "strike it rich" and make us independent of Germany so far as cheap potash is concerned. American traders should take an interest in this Abyssinian potash. The district in which it lies produces hides, skins and other raw materials and should be a good market for American cotton and other wares.

A FLATTERING SELECTION.

EDWIN Oyster who audited the Nye county books and reported that certain companies were in arrears for bullion taxes, has been appointed auditor of foreign war finances and left for Washington a few days ago to accept the position. This is the highest certificate of character and fitness that could be delivered and one that must necessarily add weight to the report submitted to the grand jury. It will be recalled that Mr. Oyster's selection by the Nye county grand jury was opposed by local interests who invoked the statutes requiring all public accountants seeking business in Nevada to pass an examination by the state board of accountants, but fortunately the requirement was not enforced and Mr. Oyster was enabled to proceed with the examination that was the most thorough of any ever attempted in the state. The results and recommendations still hang fire waiting for return of the court, but it is satisfactory to realize that the judgment of the grand jurors was not misplaced in placing a new responsibility on Mr. Oyster.

PATENT MEDICINE BOOZE.

WAR has been declared against whisky to the end, beer and wine have been made to tremble for their existence, but no one has threatened even mildy the bitters, tonics, remedies, cordials, compounds and elixirs which contain large percentages of alcohol. This fact recently drew some caustic remarks from Representative Meeker of Missouri.

He read into the congressional record a list of 740 patent medicines containing alcohol; very few, indeed, less than 10 per cent, more than half 20, and four actually over 90. As he said, the

spread of prohibition is favorable to their sale, although doubtless the larger portion of their consumption is by people who believe in their medicinal value.

A few have national reputations, but the great majority are manufactured and sold locally. To exempt alcohol used medicinally from the operation of a general prohibition law without giving a clear definition of what constitutes a medicine would be almost farcical.

The pure food law made it much more difficult for obviously fraudulent compounds to prey upon the ignorance and desperation of poor and ailing people; but it made clearer than ever their appeal to the tippler. Doubtless the day of reckoning for these nostrums approaches, but it comes slowly.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Francisco	73	54	.574
Los Angeles	66	59	.528
Salt Lake	63	57	.525
Oakland	60	66	.477
Portland	55	64	.462
Vernon	54	71	.432

Yesterday's Games	R	H	E
At Los Angeles—	1	3	4
San Francisco	4	8	0
Vernon	4	8	0

Batteries—Johnson and McKee;	R	H	E
Quinn and Moore,	2	6	1
At Portland—	1	8	0
Salt Lake	1	8	0

Batteries—Hughes and Hannah;	R	H	E
Brenton and Fisher,	0	4	2
At San Francisco—	1	6	0
Los Angeles	1	6	0
Oakland	1	6	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	66	40	.623
Boston	51	41	.558
Detroit	55	49	.529
Cleveland	57	51	.528
New York	53	49	.520
Washington	46	57	.446
St. Louis	38	66	.365
Philadelphia	38	61	.384

Yesterday's Games
 (By Associated Press.)
 PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3.—Philadelphia and St. Louis took turns leading in the game until the tenth inning, when McInnis opened with a single and Schang hit for a home run, winning for the home team, 6 to 5. Sothoron outpitched Myers, but two of the former's three wild throws to first base helped the Athletics in their scoring.

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—New York broke even in its double-header with Cleveland here, winning the first game, 8 to 2 and losing the second, 2 to 1. New York won the first game by knocking Bagby out of the box in the fourth inning, scoring six runs on six hits and an error. Nunamaker cleared the bases with a two base hit. Fisher held the visitors in check and hit a homerun and a single. The second game was a pitchers' battle between Caldwell and Coveleskie. The three runs scored were homeruns. Smith and Graney hitting two for Cleveland and Caldwell one for New York.

(By Associated Press.)
 BOSTON, Aug. 3.—Detroit defeated Boston, 6 to 2, in the opening game of their series, and went into third place. Leonard who started for Boston received ragged support and Detroit piled up an early lead. Dauss was hit hard but he kept the hits scattered.

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Washington beat Chicago, 2 to 0, in the first game of the series here. The visitors got only three hits off Harper. Rice's hit and errors by Cicotte and Weave gave Washington a run in the second inning. Successive sin-

gles by Foester, Morgan and Gharity produced the other in the fifth.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	51	31	.619
St. Louis	55	47	.539
Philadelphia	50	42	.544
Cincinnati	56	53	.514
Chicago	52	52	.500
Brooklyn	488	50	.490
Boston	42	54	.438
Pittsburg	31	67	.316

Yesterday's Games

(By Associated Press.)
 CINCINNATI, Aug. 3.—Boston opened the series here by dividing a doubleheader with Cincinnati. Both games were pitchers' battles, but in the first game Boston bunched three of their five hits with two Cincinnati errors and scored two runs in the eighth, which proved enough to win. In the second game Toney outpitched Neht, holding Boston to three scattered hits and no runs while Cincinnati hit safely six times and in the first, sixth and seventh innings managed to score.

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Jim Vaughn pitched almost invincible ball against the league champions while Chicago hit Marquard opportunely and shut out Brooklyn, 2 to 0. The visitors made only two hits off Vaughn, a double by Johnston in the second inning and a single by Olson in the seventh. Johnston was the only man to reach second. Vaughn issued one pass, a walk to Hickman in the ninth inning.
 Chicago scored its first run in the second inning with a walk to Deal and singles by Kilduff and Elliott. The other run was the outcome of singles by Plack and Doyle and a fielder's choice on Merkle's grounder in the sixth. The game was played in one hour and twenty-three minutes.

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—New York won the first game of the series from St. Louis by 4 to 2. The visitors got enough runs to win in the second inning when they made three on two singles, a base on balls, a stolen base, an infield out and an error by Miller. They added another in the fifth when Burns tripled and scored on Herzog's sacrifice fly. St.

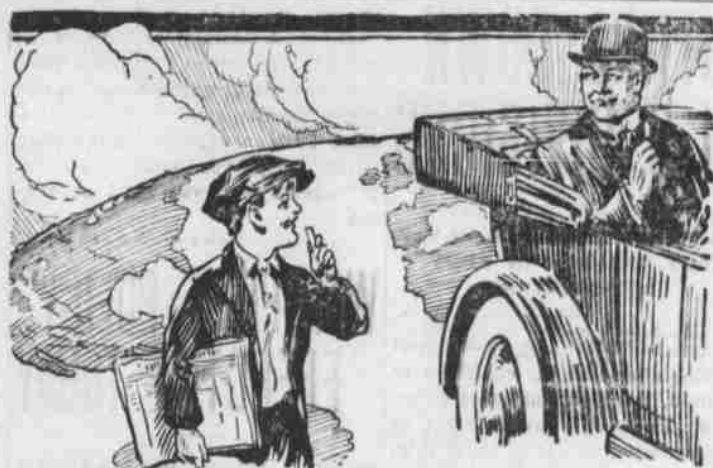
MINING IN MEXICO IS BIG PROBLEM

Mining just across the border in Mexico is still rather mixed. Cananea remains closed, although negotiations are in progress with Governor P. Elias Calles for a settlement of the trouble, says the Mining and Scientific Press. Nevertheless the bulk of the laborers have been shipped south by order of the governor, ostensibly to prevent food riots. This action cannot well be criticized, because the cessation of work and of importation of supplies would quickly result in starvation. On the other hand, the scattering of several thousand workmen will make the reorganization of a crew more difficult and costly, although the availability of so many men will be of immediate benefit to the farmers.

It has been increasingly difficult to obtain farm labor in Mexico, and it will be noted that the shutdown at Cananea came just at the period for planting corn in that part of the world. After this will follow the bean-planting. There is work to be done from this time throughout the summer and autumn, and the newly favored holders of confiscated estates will be highly pleased to have so many peons thrown upon the country. This is not suggested as a motive for the pressure brought to bear upon the mining companies, but it is a feature of the situation that may not be disregarded. It is quite certain that these men will be of such use as producers of food as to overweigh the importance of the mines to the state, and those that are favored by the authorities will profit in consequence.

The trouble at the Tigre mine near Nacozari is "officially" settled, so far as gubernatorial promises go, and the technical staff has returned to reopen the property. In this case, however, it must be noted that the number of workmen is less, while the output is of exceptional value, the ore being rich in silver. The local government is said to have attempted to produce from this property on its own account, but the plant is operated throughout by electricity transmitted from the Phelps-Dodge generating station at Douglas, Ariz. It was, accordingly, impossible to turn a wheel, and it was equally impossible to install a steam plant adequate either for mining or milling. The heavy taxes upon the silver shipped by the company are worth more than the net value of any product that the Mexicans could obtain by working the mine. This would offer a reason for special concessions to this company. Governor Calles has the reputation of

Louis got a run in the second when Paulett doubled and Baird and Snyder singled. Perritt relieved Galloo in this inning and held the locals hitless until the eighth. In the ninth Cruise hit one to deep center for a home run.



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being more favorable to American enterprise than his predecessor Governor de la Huerta, who was a Carranza appointee.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Erection of recreation buildings at each army camp and cantonment will be begun at once by the Knights of Columbus. The thirty-sixth annual meeting will be held in Buffalo in August, 1918. James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia was elected supreme knight for 1918.

Another reason why a woman likes for her husband to stay at home after supper is because she doesn't have to look at him if she doesn't want to.—Galveston News.

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